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THOMPSON APPOINTED TO SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE

Lee Thompson was formally appointed to the Senior Executive Service during a ceremony held today at Heritage Hall on Rock Island Arsenal.

Mr. Thompson works for the U.S. Army Sustainment Command (ASC) as the command's LOGCAP Executive Director. In that position, he has overall executive responsibility for the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP), under which contractors from the private sector are used to provide a broad range of logistical and life support services to U.S. and allied forces during combat and training operations. At the time Mr. Thompson took over as LOGCAP Executive Director, more than \$21 billion in payments had been issued under the LOGCAP III contract, which took effect in December 2001.

The Senior Executive Service (SES) is a corps of federal executives appointed to key leadership positions just below the level of Presidential appointees, and includes most managerial, supervisory and policy positions in the executive branch of the federal government classified above General Schedule (GS) grade 15 or its equivalent. SES members within the Department of Defense are considered the equivalent of general officers. Mr. Thompson's appointment brought the total number of SES members at ASC Headquarters up to five, and the total at Rock Island Arsenal up to six.

Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, commanding general of ASC, presided at the ceremony. Maj. Gen. Johnson presented Mr. Thompson with his SES flag and joined his wife, Alba, in placing the SES pin on his lapel.



Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson places the SES pin on Lee Thompson as Alba Thompson looks on.

During his remarks, Maj. Gen. Johnson stated that having Mr. Thompson on board “will allow ASC to focus more directly on the logistics support piece of LOGCAP – the key and essential support it provides to troops on the ground.” Until now, he noted, the command’s focus has primarily been on the contracting aspects of the program.

“We need to put a whole new perspective on LOGCAP,” Maj. Gen. Johnson said. “To do that, we needed a person who could understand logistics and understand contracting. And we could not have found a better person to take this job than Lee.”

During his remarks, Mr. Thompson highlighted the importance of ASC’s mission, and contrasted it with the basic job description of every member of the Senior Executive Service.

“SES members are supposed to be responsive to the needs, policies and goals of our national government,” Mr. Thompson said. “By carrying out our assigned missions, everyone in ASC is responsive to the needs, policies and goals of our national military and defense strategy.

“Ladies and gentlemen, I am a member of the Army Sustainment Command, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you,” Mr. Thompson concluded. “I am Army strong.”

A native of the New York City borough of Brooklyn, Mr. Thompson has extensive military, civilian, and private sector experience in the acquisition, logistics and supply fields, and has held a number of key leadership and management positions. He came to ASC from Department of the Army Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he had served since 2005 as Assistant Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Policy and Procurement (Iraq / Afghanistan). In that position, he developed contracting policies and procedures in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and provided advice and guidance to subordinate contracting activities operating in the theater of operations.

Mr. Thompson enlisted in the Army in 1961 and was commissioned as an officer through the Quartermaster Officer Candidate School in 1967. His military career included a combat tour in Vietnam. He retired from the Army in 1996 at the rank of colonel.

Following his retirement, Mr. Thompson worked in the private sector as a senior consultant and program manager, with responsibilities related to the management and oversight of defense contracts.

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